

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims:

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9. (Currently Amended) A display case system comprising:
  - a) a plurality of display cases,  
wherein the display cases are of increasing size, and wherein smaller sized display cases are of a dimension such that they are capable of being stored inside larger sized display cases,  
and wherein the display cases are capable of being attached to each other to form a single display unit,  
and wherein each display case is comprised of upper, lower, front, rear and side elements,  
wherein at least said lower, front, rear and side elements of the display case are composed of polystyrene foam,  
wherein said lower element connects to said front, rear and side elements along the bottom edge of said front, rear and side elements,

wherein said front, rear and side elements connect to one another along the vertical edges of said front, rear and side elements,

wherein said lower, front, rear and side elements form a container capable of storing items for display,

wherein each display case is comprised of a separate said upper element which forms a removable lid having external dimensions equal to or slightly less than the internal dimensions of the top edges of the front, rear and side elements of the respective display case so that said lid fits within and rests upon the top edges of only the front, rear and side elements of that respective display case,

and wherein said lid contains a top surface capable of holding displayed items.

10. (Previously Amended) The display case system according to claim 9 wherein ~~the~~ front, rear and side elements of a display case are covered with carpet or a fire retardant fabric.

11. (Original) The display case system according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the side or rear elements contains hook and loop connectors to enable multiple display cases to be attached to each other in a plurality of configurations.

12. (Original) The display case system according to claim 10, wherein the upper, lower, front, rear and side elements are R5 polystyrene foam of a thickness of about one inch to about two inches,  
and where said top surface is selected from the group comprising plastic laminate, plywood, wood paneling, and slab stock comprised of methacrylate resin.

13. (Original) The display case system according to claim 10, wherein said front, rear, side and bottom elements are adhesively bonded.

14. (Original) The display case system according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the side or rear elements contains hook and loop connectors to enable a plurality of cases to be attached to each other in a plurality of configurations and wherein a plurality of cases are hook and loop attached to each other.
15. (Original) The display case system according to claim 10, wherein said bottom element is connected to said front, rear and side wall elements using dado joints wherein said dado joints have a depth selected from the group comprising about one-half inch, about one inch or about one and one-half inches, a width of about one inch and wherein said dado joints are cut about one inch from the bottom edges of said front, rear and side elements.
16. (Original) The display case system according to claim 10, wherein said front, rear and side elements are covered with carpet.
17. (Original) The display case system according to claim 16, wherein said carpet is fire retardant.
18. (Original) The display case system according to claim 10, wherein said front, rear and side elements are covered with fabric.
19. (Original) The display case system according to claim 18, wherein said fabric is fire retardant.
20. (Original) The display case system according to claim 10, wherein said lower, front, rear and side elements are substantially rectangular and said upper and lower elements are substantially square.